

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the soldiers in the
Indiana National Guard deploying in 2011.

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Whereas, The Indiana National Guard continues to play a vital role in protecting the freedom and liberty of the United States with its efforts abroad;

Whereas, The deployments of the Indiana National Guard in 2011 include the following: the 938th Military Police Detachment; the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) #1; the 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (BFSB); the 819th Fire Fighter Detachment; the 4-19th Agribusiness Development Team, the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) #2; and Detachment 3, Company D, 126th Aviation (C23 fixed wing);

Whereas, The 938th Military Police Detachment, headquartered out of Gary, Indiana, recently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn;

Whereas, The objective of Operation New Dawn is for U.S. troops to train Iraqis to handle their own security, and to eventually transfer full responsibility for security back to the country;

Whereas, The soldiers of the 938th Military Police Detachment will be serving at Victory Base Complex in



Baghdad. The unit's job is to conduct law and order operations, and to ensure that good order, discipline, and security is maintained throughout the complex. Presently, the unit has 78 soldiers, with 45 of them deployed. The unit commander is Captain Leroy Brown, and the detachment non-commissioned officer in charge is Master Sergeant Gary Small;

Whereas, The Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) #1 includes a team of five Indiana National Guard soldiers who are scheduled to deploy to Slovakia, and then ultimately Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Their primary job will be to mentor Afghan logistics troops. The team's commander is Major Dennis Mankus from Lafayette, Indiana;

Whereas, The 219th Surveillance Brigade recently deployed some of its soldiers to the mobilization site at Fort Lewis in Washington, after which they will head to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. The remaining troops will deploy on March 20, 2011. Their mission is to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations, and to provide assets to enhance the reconnaissance and surveillance capability of other brigades. The brigade's commander is Colonel Ivan Denton, and Command Sergeant Major Otis Pugh is the ranking non-commissioned officer;

Whereas, The seven soldiers from the 819th Firefighter Detachment will be deploying to Afghanistan in April, 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The soldiers will be running routine firefighter operations at the air facility on Base Shindand. The non-commissioned officer in charge is Staff Sergeant Karl Crist;

Whereas, The 4-19th Agribusiness Development Team is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in the summer of 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit will deploy to Khost Province to develop new agribusiness projects while sustaining 3-19th ADT agricultural



development, to foster sustainable and legal economic growth, and to strengthen the connection between the people of Khost Province and the government of Afghanistan. The team is commanded by Colonel Shane Halbrook;

Whereas, Detachment 3, Company D, 126th Aviation (C23 fixed wing) is a nine-man unit, stationed in Indianapolis, that is set to deploy to Iraq in August 2011. The soldiers will fly and man the C-23 Sherpa fixed winged aircraft in various transportation missions in support of Operation New Dawn. Leading the detachment is Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joseph Jennings; and

Whereas, Hoosiers are grateful for the incredible sacrifices that the soldiers and their families of the Indiana National Guard make each day. Their commitment to trying to make a difference in Iraq and Afghanistan, and protecting the freedom and liberty of the United States is to be commended: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 soldiers in the Indiana National Guard deploying in 2011.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate if hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Major General R. Martin
5 Umbarger, Adjutant General of Indiana; Captain Leroy Brown; Major
6 Dennis Mankus; Colonel Ivan Denton; Staff Sergeant Karl Crist;
7 Colonel Shane Halbrook; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joseph Jennings; and
8 Major Shawn D. Gardner, Director of Public Affairs of the Indiana
9 National Guard.

